(d) whether Government propose to reduce the length of road dividers or reintroduce traffic roundabouts as before ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 50,973 persons were challaned and an amount of Rs. 36,20,062 was realised as compounding fee from 1-1-86 to 31-7-1989. The Traffic Police have notified speed limits and stepped up the use of radar guns for speed checking. Over speeding by vehicles is vigorously checked.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Collection of fines for removing vehicles from 'No Parking' areas in Delhi

3003. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that during 1988-89 Government spent more money for removal of vehicles in Delhi from 'No Parking' areas than the fines collected on that count;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main expenditure was on hiring of private cranes; if so, what are the names of the firms from which cranes were hired;

(c) whether it was also reported that in several cases the vehicles were removed on very trivial and technical grounds; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a system by which the vehicle owners could get a fair hearing before fines are imposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The defaulters pay compounding fee as well as towing charges. The latter goes to the private crane owners in case the vehicles are towed by private cranes. Compounding fee goes to the Government Treasury. The compounding fee and the towing charges realised from 1988 and 1989 (upto 30-6-1989) are as follows:—

Year	Total Compounding fee	Towing charges levied
1988.	Rs. 46,01,030/-	Rs. 42,92,555/-
1989 (1-1-89 to 30-6-89)	Rs. 26,95,785/-	Rs. 24,36,753/-